

Community Development Block Grant Program Certifications

In accordance with the applicable statutes and regulations governing the Housing and Community Development Plan regulations, the District of Columbia Government hereby makes the following certifications:

Citizen Participation

The District of Columbia Government hereby certifies it is following a detailed citizen participation plan which:

1. Provides for and encourages citizen participation, with particular emphasis on participation by persons of low- and moderate-income who are residents of slum and blighted areas and of areas in which funds are proposed to be used, and provides for participation of residents in low- and moderate-income neighborhoods as defined by the local jurisdictions;
2. Provides citizens with reasonable and timely access to local meetings, information and records relating to the grantee's proposed use of funds, as required by the regulations of the Secretary, and relating to the actual use of funds under the Act;
3. Provides for technical assistance to groups representative of persons of low- and moderate-income that request such assistance in developing proposals with the level and type of assistance to be determined by the grantee;
4. Provides for public hearings to obtain citizen views and to respond to proposals and questions at all stages of the community development program, including at least the development of needs, the review of proposed activities, and review of program performance, which hearings shall be held after adequate notice, at times and locations convenient to potential or actual beneficiaries, and with accommodation for the handicapped;
5. Provides for a timely written answer to written complaints and grievances, with 15 working days where practicable; and
6. Identifies how the needs of non-English speaking residents will be met in the case of public hearings where a significant number of non-English speaking residents can be reasonably expected to participate.

Community Development Plan - The District of Columbia Government hereby certifies that this consolidated housing and community development plan identifies community development and housing needs and specifies both short-term and long-term community development objectives that have been developed in accordance with the primary objective of the statute authorizing the CDBG Program, as described in 24 CFR 570.2.

Current Plan - The District of Columbia Government hereby certifies that it is following a current Consolidated Plan that was approved by HUD in September, 2000.

Fund Usage - The District of Columbia Government hereby certifies that it has complied with the following criteria:

1. With respect to activities expected to be assisted with CDBG funds, the Action Plan has been developed so as to give the maximum feasible priority to activities that will benefit low- and moderate-income families or aid in the prevention or elimination of slums or blight.
2. The aggregate use of CDBG funds, including section 108 guaranteed loans, during a period of three specific consecutive program years, shall principally benefit low- and moderate-income families in a manner that ensures that at least 70 percent of the amount is expended for activities that benefit such persons; and
3. The District of Columbia Government will not attempt to recover any capital costs of public improvements assisted with CDBG funds, including Section 108 loan guaranteed funds, by assessing any amount against properties owned and occupied by persons of low- and moderate-income, including any fee charged or assessment made as a condition of obtaining access to such public improvement. However, if CDBG funds are used to pay the proportion of a fee or assessment attributable to the capital costs of public improvements (assisted in part with CDBG funds) financed from other revenue sources, an assessment or charge may be made against the property with respect to the public improvements financed by a source other than CDBG funds. In addition, with respect to properties owned and occupied by moderate-income (but not low-income) families, an assessment or charge may be made against the property with respect to the public improvements financed by a source other than CDBG funds if the jurisdiction certifies that it lacks CDBC funds to cover the assessment.

Excessive Force - The District of Columbia Government has adopted and is enforcing:

1. A policy prohibiting the use of excessive force by law enforcement agencies within its jurisdiction against any individuals engaged in non-violent civil rights demonstrations; and
 2. A policy enforcing applicable State and local laws against physically barring entrance to, or exit from, a facility or location that is the subject of such non-violent civil rights demonstrations within its jurisdiction.
- ✓ Compliance with Anti-Discrimination Laws - The District of Columbia Government hereby certifies that the grant will be conducted and administered in conformity with Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 (42 U.S.C. 2000d, et seq.), the Fair Housing Act (42 U.S.C. 3601 - 3619), and implementing regulations.
 - ✓ Compliance with Lead-Based Paint Procedures - The District of Columbia Government hereby certifies that its notification, inspection, testing, and abatement procedures concerning lead-based paint will comply with the requirements of 24 CFR 570.608.
 - ✓ Compliance with Laws - The District of Columbia Government hereby certifies that it will comply with applicable laws.

By: (Signed certifications with submitted document) _____ Date:
Jalal Greene, Acting Director
Department of Housing and Community Development

HOME Program Certifications

In accordance with applicable statutes and regulations governing the Housing and Community Development Plan regulations, the District of Columbia Government hereby certifies that:

1. It is using and will use HOME funds for eligible activities and costs as described in 24 CFR 92.205 through 92.209, and not for activities and costs prohibited under 24 CFR 92.214; and
2. Prior to committing funds to a project, it will evaluate the project in accordance with guidelines it has adopted and will not invest any more HOME funds in combination with other Federal assistance than is necessary to provide affordable housing.

By: (Signed certifications with submitted document)_____ Date:

Jalal Greene, Acting Director

Department of Housing and Community Development

Emergency Shelter Grant (ESG) Program Certifications

In accordance with the applicable statutes and regulations governing the Housing and Community Development Plan regulations, the District of Columbia Government hereby certifies that:

1. In the case of assistance involving major rehabilitation or conversion, the applicant will maintain any building for which assistance is used under the ESG program as a shelter for homeless individuals and families for not less than a 10-year period;
2. In the case of assistance involving rehabilitation less than that covered under the preceding paragraph, the applicant will maintain any building for which assistance is used under the ESG program as a shelter for homeless individuals and families for not less than a three-year period;
3. In the case of assistance involving essential services (including but not limited to employment, health, drug abuse, or education) or maintenance, operation, insurance, utilities and furnishings, the applicant will provide services or shelter to homeless individuals and families for the period during which the ESG assistance is provided, without regard to a particular site or structure as long as the same general population is served;
4. Any renovation carried out with ESG assistance shall be sufficient to ensure that the building involved is safe and sanitary;
5. It will assist homeless individuals in obtaining appropriate supportive services, including permanent housing, medical and mental health treatment, counseling, supervision, and other services essential for achieving independent living, and other Federal, State, and local, and private assistance available for such individuals;
6. It will obtain matching amounts required under Section 576.71 of this title;
7. It will develop and implement procedures to ensure the confidentiality of records pertaining to any individual provided family violence prevention or treatment services under any project assisted under the ESG program, including protection against the release of the address or location of any family violence shelter project except with the written authorization of the person responsible for the operation of that shelter;
8. To the maximum extent practicable, it will involve, through employment, volunteer services, or otherwise, homeless individuals and families in constructing, renovating, maintaining, and operating facilities assisted under this program, in providing services assisted under the program, and in providing services for occupants of facilities assisted under the program; and
9. It is following a current HUD-approved Consolidated Plan.

By:_(Signed in submitted document)_____Date: _____
Carolyn Graham, Deputy Mayor for Children, Youth, Families, and Elders

By: (Signed certification with submitted document)_____Date: _____
Jalal Greene, Acting Director
Department of Housing and Community Development

Housing Opportunities for Persons with AIDS (HOPWA) Program Certification

In accordance with the applicable statutes and regulations governing the Housing and community Plan regulations, the District of Columbia Government hereby certifies that:

1. Activities funded under the program will meet urgent needs that are not being met by available public and private sources; and
2. Any building or structure assisted under that program shall be operated for the purpose specified in the plan:
 - a) period of not less than 10 years in the case of assistance involving new construction, substantial rehabilitation, or acquisition of a facility; or
 - b) For a period *of* not less than three years *in* the case of assistance involving non-substantial rehabilitation or repair of a building or structure.

By: __ (Signed in submitted document)_____ Date: _____

HIV/AIDS Administration,
DC Department of Health

By: (Signed certifications with submitted document)_____ Date: _____

Jalal Greene, Acting Director
Department of Housing and Community Development

Financial Sources and Uses

III.C.1. Financial Sources (Resources)

The Department relies on three sources of funding to finance housing and community development projects, programs, and delivery costs. These include federal resources from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development; local and other funds, composed of appropriated District funds and certain loan repayments; and private investments that have been leveraged with public resources. Please also see the Financial Sources table on the next page.

Federal Resources

FY 2006 is the thirtieth-first year (CD-31) of the Community Development Block Grant Program. On (Date to come) the Community Planning Division of HUD informed DHCD that its fiscal year 2006 formula entitlement grant allocations were as follows:

Table 5: FY 2006 Federal Entitlement Grant Allocations

	CDBG	HOME	ESG	HOPWA	LEAD
Allocation	\$22,865,000	\$9,179,000*	\$795,000	\$10,535,000	\$2,300,285

*Includes ADDI funds for FEDERAL FY '03 and '04 received in '05; Total: \$713,779, administered under HOME

DHCD also anticipates the following additional federal funds to be available in FY 2006:

Program Income (anticipated)	\$8,950,000	\$400,000	\$0	\$0	\$0
FY 2004 *Carry Over	\$42,015,487	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$2,300,285

*Note: These estimated carryover funds, which are shown as "Other" funds on the SF-424 forms, are not included in budget document that DHCD submits to the District of Columbia Council each year.

The net available federal funds for FY 2006 are:

Net available federal funds	\$73,830,487	\$9,579,000,	\$836,352	\$10,535,000	\$2,300,285
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Table 6: Annual Financial Resources Table substitute

Annual Financial Sources : Complete items in blue only section. Express dollar amounts in 000s.												
Financial Sources	a. CDBG	b. HOME	c. ESG	d. HOPEWA	e. Public Housing Operating Fund	f. Public Housing Capital Fund	g. HOPE VI Funds	h. Section 8 Tenant-Based Rental Assistance Annual Contributions	i. Public Housing Drug Elimination Program	j. Resident Opportunity & Self-Sufficiency Grants	k. Subtotal other Grants (List each below at 1.2)	l. Subtotal of Federal Grants available current year
Annual \$ Budgeted	22,463.00	9,042.00	636.00	11,802.00							713.00	45,156.00
<div><div>Subtotal of Federal grants available current year (from 1. above)</div><div>45,156.00</div></div>												
<div><div>Plus subtotal prior year Federal grants (from last year at 2.) (Unfulfilled funds only)</div><div>5,257.00</div></div>												
<div><div>Plus subtotal Non-Federal public sources (from last year at 3.)</div><div>97,280.00</div></div>												
<div><div>Plus CDBG Eminent Income</div><div></div></div>												
<div><div>Plus CDBG surplus/ Year Renewal Settlements</div><div></div></div>												
<div><div>Plus CDBG grant funds returned to line of credit</div><div></div></div>												
<div><div>Plus CDBG income from trust funds activities</div><div></div></div>												
<div><div>Plus other income (list below at 4.)</div><div>0.00</div></div>												
<div><div>SUBTOTAL ALL RESOURCES:</div><div>167,093</div></div>												

Calculations			
1. Other current year Federal Grants	Amount	2. Prior year Federal Grants	Amount
ADBI (1-CMFL) 04	200.00	CDBG	2,000.00
ADBI (1-CMFL) 03	327.00	Home	
		Emergency	-
		ESG	-
		Carryover	-
		Local Housing Control Grant	2,233.00
		Local Hazard Reduction Grant	1,564.00
Subtotal 1.	713.00	Subtotal 2.	5,257.00
		Subtotal 3.	97,280.00
		Subtotal 4.	0.00

DHCD will serve as the administrator for the CDBG, HOME, and ESG grants.² The regional HOPWA allocation is administered through and monitored by the D.C. Department of Health, HIV/AIDS Administration (HAA). Federal grant funds are distributed through DHCD's and HAA's various programs as described in the Tables 3 beginning on page 34.

At the end of FY 2003, the Department also received two lead-based paint grants from HUD's Office of Healthy Homes and Lead Hazard Control: a Lead Hazard Control Grant for \$2,997,743 and a Lead Hazard Reduction Demonstration Grant for \$2,000,000. The District's match for these grants comes to \$4,482,071. For FY 2006, DHCD will carryover \$ 2,300,285 of total lead grants for the lead hazard control and lead hazard deduction demonstration activities. The use of the grant funds is described on page 88.

Program Income

There is a total of \$8,950,000 in program income dollars projected to be collected for the CDBG and \$400,000 is projected to be collected in program income dollars for the HOME program. Program income was derived primarily from repayment of loans provided to citizen to assist in the purchase of homes within the District. Program income received in excess of the budgeted amount is reprogrammed for use with the respective program.

Local Resources

According to the Mayor's FY 2006 baseline budget, the funds projected from District budget appropriations total \$2,340,000. Appropriated and local funds are broken down as follows:

Table 7: FY 2006 Proposed Local/Other Funds Allocations

	Housing Production Trust Fund	Local Appropriation	Loan Repayments	Other***
Allocation*	\$100,886,474	\$2,340,000	\$6,622,350	\$1,175,775

*Note: All dollar amounts are as of February 11, 2005.

*** Other consists of Land Acquisition and Housing Development Organization (LAHDO) \$416K and Portal Sites \$46K

The Housing Production Trust Fund (HPTF or "Fund"), authorized by the Housing Production Trust Fund Act of 1988 as amended by the Housing Act of 2002, is a local source of money for affordable housing development. The Fund is designed to direct assistance toward the housing needs of the most vulnerable District residents—very low- and extremely low-income renters. Pending the receipt of feasible project proposals, the statute requires that:

² DHCD transferred administration and management of the ESG program to the Office of the Deputy Mayor for Children, Youth, Families and Elders and the program offices under that administration. The transfer enhanced the District's ability to coordinate its efforts on behalf of the homeless population through the Continuum of Care. With ESG added to its portfolio, the Deputy Mayor's office can plan for and execute the full spectrum of Continuum of Care activities. The DC Department of Health, HIV/AIDS Admin., administers the HOPWA grant.

- A minimum of 40 percent of all Fund monies disbursed each year must benefit households earning up to 30 percent of the area median income (AMI);
- A second minimum of 40 percent of the Fund monies must benefit households earning between 31 and 50 percent of the AMI;
- The remainder must benefit households earning between 51 and 80 percent of the AMI; and
- At least 50 percent of the Fund monies disbursed each year must be used for the development of rental housing.

The rest of the Funds may be used for for-sale housing development, single family housing rehabilitation, and loans and title-clearing costs associated with the Homestead Program.

Capital for the Housing Production Trust Fund is supplied from the legislated share of DC deed recordation taxes and real estate transfer taxes. DHCD also receives separate, local budget appropriation and loan repayments from its Home Purchase Assistance Program (see page 33), which it uses to make more loans within these programs. Finally, under Other Funds, there was \$416, 000 in Land Acquisition and Housing Development Organization (LAHDO) funds; \$713,775 for the funding of monitoring related activities for the Low-Income Housing Tax Credits granted by the District; and \$46,000 from the “Portal Site”, which is revenue generated from District-owned parking lots and the disposition of District-owned property. The Portal Site revenue is a pass-through to the District and is budgeted for miscellaneous administrative expenses related to these activities.

Private Funds and Leveraging

The grant award criteria for the District’s housing and community development programs require the maximum use of private financial resources. Because DHCD uses its funds to “close the gap” of needed financing for its selected projects, the private financing sector provides the bulk of each project’s funds. Banks and savings and loan institutions serve as the primary financing sources of all housing production, rehabilitation, or capital improvements and ongoing operations. Many banks have special community lending operations, partly in response to the provisions of the Community Reinvestment Act, which encourages local lenders to invest in affordable housing and other community support projects. Several local banks have been active in supporting nonprofit affordable housing development. The District’s public dollars leverage these private funds. In addition, the District government and nonprofit developers have actively reached out to capture foundation grants. Many nonprofit organizations seek foundation funding to provide social support services, especially to special needs populations. Among the organizations that are active in this area are the Fannie Mae Foundation, Meyer Foundation, Local Initiatives Support Corporation (LISC), and the Enterprise Foundation.